

REMARKS

Please reconsider this application in view of the above remarks and the following amendments. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-16 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-3 and 8-15 are allowed. Claims 1, 4, 6, and 9 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 4, 6, and 9.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 4 and 6 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Claim 16 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-3 and 8-15. By way of this reply, claims 4 and 6 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Thus, by virtue of their dependence from allowed claim 1, claims 4 and 6 are in condition for allowance. Further, dependent claims 5 and 7 are allowable for at least the same reason as claims 4 and 6. Accordingly, Applicant believes that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Design and Performance of Nitride-based UV LEDs," Proceeding of SPIE, vol. 3938, pages 13-23, 2000 (hereinafter "Crawford") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,543,638 to Nettelblatt et al. (hereinafter "Nettelblatt"). In view of the above, Applicant believes this rejection is moot.


Claims 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crawford in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0195619 to Makimoto et al. (hereinafter "Makimoto"). In view of the above, Applicant believes this rejection is moot.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 08228/071001).

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